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U.S. Application No. 09/688,989

PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS FOR DISCUSSION DURING INTERVIEW

27. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device comprising:

a semiconductor substrate including a first and second region separated by an isolation element;

a first transistor formed on [a] the first region of the substrate and including a first insulation film and a first gate electrode arranged along a first direction; and

a second transistor formed on [a] the second region of the substrate and including a second insulation film and a second gate electrode arranged along the first direction,

wherein a side wall of said first gate electrode [at one end of a channel direction] is connected to a side wall of said second gate electrode [at one end of the channel direction] at the isolation element.

The preceding claim includes draft amendments which will be discussed during the interview scheduled for May 8th 2003. These amendments are not intended to be formal amendments to the claims but are informal proposals to be discussed during the interview. Any amendments to the claims will be subject to final approval by Applicants and their representatives.

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Attached is a proposed draft Amendment to claim 17 for discussion during the interview scheduled for May 8, 2003.

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